

Associated Students of Santa Monica College
A.S. Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 19, 2014 3:00 PM
Cayton Center, Room #202
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I. Call to Order 3:10PM

II. Roll Call

AS President: Ty Moura	P	Director of Student Advocacy: Okky Jaya	L/3:16
AS Vice President: Alex Vandertol	A	Director of Publicity: Michael Greenberg	A/YANA
AS Secretary: Diana Echeverria	P	Director of Outreach: Cassandra Ramirez	P
Director of Student Affairs: Kseniya Lyalina	P	ICC Chair: Jasmine Jafari	P
Director of Sustainability: Halie Willis	A	ICC Vice Chair: Maya Kaitel	P
Director of AcSupp/S.G.: Maryam Allameh	A	ICC Communications Officer: Sarah Yoseph	P
Director of Activities: Matthew Nicholson	P	Student Trustee: Jesse Ramirez	A
Director of Inst. & Tech. Support: Cyrus Hosseini	A	Dean of Student Life: Deyna Hearn	P
Director of Budget Management: Inayat Issa	P	Counselor/Student Advisor: Benny Blaydes	P

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend agenda to add Action Item 6.5 “Approval of funding for Associated Students Board of Directors to fund student lounge grand opening. This Includes food, dedication plaque, and 40 gift cards for workers. (Ty Moura, Special Projects: \$3,000.00)” by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.

Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Jasmine.

Amended Agenda Approved Unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2013, January 7, 2014, and February 7, 2014.

Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Kseniya.

Minutes Approved Unanimously.

V. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

NONE

VI. A.S. Announcements to the Public

Ty: By next Tuesday, all the renovations should be complete. Because of that, on the 27th, we are looking to have a grand opening to celebrate the new lounge. There will be food and it will be awesome.

Jasmine: applications for AS elections are online. It is due 3 weeks from now.

Cassandra: March in March is an advocacy event that takes place every year. SMC drives you there and back. The event is 24 hours. It is a serious time to talk to your representatives about education.

Yana: we will be leaving march 2nd, it is approximately a 7 hour ride to Sacramento. Breakfast will be provided and \$25 dollars will be given for food. At 10am the march will start to the capitol building. There will be rally for another hour.

Ty: You have the opportunity to speak for education.

Yana: At approximately 4pm, the bus will be going back to Santa Monica.

Cassandra: Some professors will give extra credit for attending the event.

Ty: There is a 5 dollar deposit that you will get back while on the bus.

Cassandra: We lost a lot of commissioners; we are looking for more commissioners.

VII. Presentations

7.1 Reinvest in Our Future Act (Ty Moura, AS President).

Ty: This board has voted to support the CMED act and there is good news. We found 2 senators that are willing to sponsor the bill. The bill is being introduced today in the senate. It's an oil severance act. Essentially, this will give more money for your education. I don't have the official language but it should be available tomorrow.

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VIII. Action Items

8.1 Confirmation of Associated Students Board of Directors Vacancies for the following positions:

- Vice President
- Director of Academic Support and Shared Governance

Ty: Unfortunately, these 2 directors resigned. We are now looking to replace these positions. It will be an appointment process. The forms are already posted up. Anyone wishing to apply can start doing that now.

Confirmation approved unanimously.

8.2 Approval to roll over students computer lab winter funds to the Spring 2014 semester.

Ty: I got a lot of emails from students that were upset about not having printing at the Cayton Center during the renovation. My proposal is that we roll over the printing account to the spring.

Action Item 8.2 Approved Unanimously

VI. Major Action Items (\$1,000 or greater)

6.1 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund A.S. Students Success Awards for Spring 2014. This includes 30 awards for \$100,000.00). (Inayat Issa, Student Success: \$100,000.00).

Inayat: Diana and I created these AS Student Success Awards. All SMC students who have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA can apply. The amounts are between 1,500 and 5,000 dollars. You can use it only for educational purposes. There will be an application process. There will be a mandatory interview process. A committee will review it. The price would be up to 100,000 because we wanted to include more awards. We wanted more students to be eligible to receive an award. Currently, it is 15 award at \$1,500 and 15 awards at \$3,000 and 5 award at \$5,000.

Kseniya: Can international students and AB540 students apply

Inayat: Yes. You can't apply if you're a director.

Kseniya: Will it start this spring?

Inayat: Yes. We already have a committee made up of five people.

Cassandra: may we consider making a smaller one?

Inayat: Like 500 dollars for books? The application will be up on the AS website. It will be due late March.

Motion to amend Major Action Item 6.1 to read: "Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund A.S. Student Success Awards for Spring 2014. This includes awards that amount to \$100,000.00. (Inayat Issa, Student Success: 100,000.00)." *by Cassandra, Second by Inayat. Amendment approved.*

Amended Major Action Item 6.1 Approved Unanimously.

6.2 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund March in March. This includes Bus rentals, hotel room for the bus drivers, money for students' food, snacks for the bus, and bus driver tip. (Michael Greenberg, Lobbying: \$15,000.00).

Motion to amend to major Action Item 6.2 to read: "Approval of funding for Associated Students Board of Directors to fund March in March. This includes Bus rentals, hotel room for bus drivers, money for students' food, snacks for the bus, and bus driver tip and emergency costs. (Michael Greenberg, Lobbying: \$15,000.00)" *by Jasmine, second by Inayat.*

Amendment Approved Unanimously.

Yana: Any AS members can come to the office, leave a \$5 deposit and fill out a field trip form. Then they can show up.

Kseniya: How will you promote that?

Yana: Posters and t-shirts will be made. It will be in the AS monthly. All colleges will be

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participating in it.

Ty: As directors, we will be trying to promote it as well. Michael has already spoken to a couple of classes. Ideally, every board member would be telling their friends about it as well.

Cassandra: I changed my cover photo to a March in March poster. Pablo changed his profile picture to a March in March photo. We are planning on having 220 seats.

Kseniya: What about new students who don't know about marches.

Ty: There will be workshops and speakers on the day of if you want to learn how to speak to politicians.

Motion to Approve by Inayat, Second by Sarah.

Ammended Major Action Item 6.2 Approved Unanimously.

- 6.2 Approval of funding for Associated Students Board of Directors to fund A.S. Publicity. This includes items for the AS Poo Times" March Edition, AS Monthly Newsletter" March Edition, "New Cayton Center" outdoor stickers (7), "Welcome to the Student Lounge" decal, AS Logo" Decal, AS sliding door decals (2), and AS foam-core mounted signs (5). (Michael Greenberg, Publicity: \$5,500.00).

I have a copy of what the AS monthly looks like as of today. I have a copy of what the stickers would like that. There will be an AS logo decal. The 2 sliding door decals. There will be AS foam core mounted signs.

Kseniya: Will those stickers be permanent?

Yana: They will last about 7 years.

Motion to approve by Inayat, Second by Kseniya.

Major Action Item Approved Unanimously.

- 6.3 Approval of funding for Associated Students Board of Directors to fund Women Empowerment in March 2014. This includes various items. (Ty Moura, Special Projects: \$2,500.00).

Ty: it includes workshops, speakers, and activities. We have a committee putting together a bunch of activities about women empowerment. We will have movie nights every Wednesday around 6pm. The feminist club is organizing a lot of events. You will see a lot of women empowerment related things in the month of March if we approve this.

Cassandra: Will \$2,500 be enough to make that happen?

Inayat: Yes

Ty: I made a google calendar that shows all the events.

Sarah: What about publicizing it.

Ty: Michael is really busy with March in March but we will be trying to put posters and spread the news by talking to people.

- 6.5 Approval of funding for **Associated Students Board of Directors** to fund student lounge grand reopening. This includes food, dedication plaque, and 40 gift cards for workers. (Ty Moura, Special Projects: \$3,000.00).

Ty: All students are invited to come. We are planning to have 100 people. We want to award the workers who made this happen and a plaque dedicated to the students.

Motion to approve by Jasmine, Second by Kseniya.

VII. Director & Committee Reports / Student Trustee Report/ Advisor Reports

Sarah: I love the whole floor. If possible, could we extend the ICC table. Other than that, I love the place.

Matt: Cayton center will be really nice. I plan on doing club Olympics and feed the students where we will give out free food to help the students and spread AS. I look forward to an excellent semester with you guys.

Kseniya: There will be a new event in March called the resource fair. There will also be the health fair,

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career planning, and a week on psychological services help in our final weeks. I would like help. For the services events, we will have a booth just for AS. If anyone wants to be there, that would be helpful.

Maya: I put in the proposal for club row today.

Ty: I would like to congratulate Cassandra and Diana for the winter retreat. I feel very confident that we will hammer out our goals. Today I used psychological services today. They are supportive. I suggest meet with a counselor and get to know them.

Yana: March in March.

Jasmine: AS elections packet are online. Students can start turning them in. The cookie company we used last year for students who voted went out of business so I am in the process of finding a new company.

Sonali: I want to acknowledge this board and thank you all for all of your efforts to making this renovation happen. I also want to acknowledge all you efforts in thinking about students' needs.

VIII. Adjournment 3:53PM

Motion to Adjourn by Jasmine, Second by Kseniya.